

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking Into
Implementation of Assembly Bill 1149, Regarding
Underground Electric and Communications
Facilities.

Rulemaking 00-01-005
(Filed January 6, 2000)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING GRANTING
TOWN OF LOS ALTOS HILLS' MOTION TO INTERVENE**

Summary

This ruling grants Town of Los Altos Hills' (Los Altos Hills) Motion to Intervene in Rulemaking (R.) 00-01-005 and grants leave for Los Altos Hills to file comments on the draft decision.

Background

On November 13, 2001, Los Altos Hills filed a Motion to Intervene in R.00-01-005. The Order Instituting Rulemaking was initiated on January 6, 2000, to implement a study into ways to amend, revise, and improve the rules for the conversion of overhead electric and communications lines to underground service.

Los Altos Hills is keenly interested in the subject of undergrounding utilities and is actively interested in exploring methods of undergrounding for its community. Los Altos Hills just recently became aware of this proceeding, obtained a copy of the draft decision, and seeks leave to file comments to the draft decision.

Los Altos Hills seeks to intervene in the proceeding and to file comments to the draft decision to advocate issues it determined were not adequately addressed to date, including the issue of contributions in aid of construction and incentives to promote undergrounding. Los Altos Hills' Motion to Intervene is granted, and its comments to the draft decision are accepted. Los Altos Hills is cautioned, however, that the draft decision follows Phase I of the proceeding, and while comments to the draft decision are allowed, the proceeding will not be reopened to air the issues Los Altos Hills is presenting at this late date. The Commission anticipates scheduling a Phase II of the proceeding, at which time Los Altos Hills may advocate the issues it feels were not adequately addressed in Phase I.

Los Altos Hills requests that all communications, pleadings, and orders be served as follows:

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IT IS RULED that the Town of Los Altos Hills' Motion to Intervene and Request for Party Status is granted.

Dated November 29, 2001, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ CAROL A. BROWN
Carol A. Brown
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Granting Town of Los Altos Hills' Motion To Intervene on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated November 29, 2001, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ JEANNIE CHANG

Jeannie Chang

N O T I C E

Parties should notify the Process Office, Public Utilities Commission, 505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 2000, San Francisco, CA 94102, of any change of address to insure that they continue to receive documents. You must indicate the proceeding number on the service list on which your name appears.

The Commission's policy is to schedule hearings (meetings, workshops, etc.) in locations that are accessible to people with disabilities. To verify that a particular location is accessible, call: Calendar Clerk (415) 703-1203.

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I.00-01-005 CAB/k47

(415) 703-2074, TTY 1-866-836-7825 or (415) 703-5282 at least three working days in advance of the event.